

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert before the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, the following headings:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

Please insert before the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, the following heading:

Discussion of the Background

Please insert before the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 9, with the following heading:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please insert before the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4, with the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert before the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 12, with the following heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 19, as follows:

In step 208, the transmission module 5 checks the answer of the called subscriber, after a predefined time span, to the question posed in step [[210]] 207, as mentioned above, with the aid of the speech recognition module 8. If the answer is yes, the transmission module 5 continues in step 206, and repeats the playing of the message. If the answer to the question

in step 207 is no, the transmission module S continues in step 210. If no answer was given to the question in step 207, for example because the call was received by an automatic telephone answering machine, it is checked in step 209 whether the respective message has already been played again to the called subscriber by means of a flag provided for this purpose. If the message has already been played again to the called subscriber, the transmission module 5 continues in step 213, where the call is terminated. Otherwise, if the message has not yet been played again to the respective subscriber, the transmission module 5 sets the above-mentioned flag, and continues in step 206, where the playing of the message is repeated.